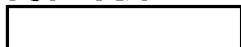


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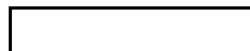
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## RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION, NEN-CHENG, CHINA

### INTRODUCTION

Nen-cheng (Figure 1) is a small agricultural center in Hei-lung-chiang Sheng (Province). In 1955 the population was reported to be between 15,000 and 20,000 people. Eighty percent of the population is reported to be engaged in agriculture. Collateral information reports that freight trains departing from Nen-cheng carry lumber and other local products (wheat and corn) and those arriving carry commodities for daily use, including coal, and some foodstuffs.

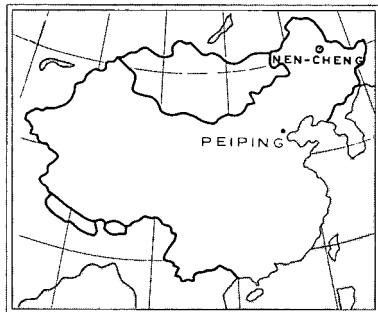


FIGURE 1. NEN-CHENG, CHINA.

### SUMMARY

A search of the area within a 150-mile radius of Nen-cheng, China (49-11N 125-13E) reveals three active areas of railroad construction (Figure 2).

Area A is located immediately north of Nen-cheng. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reveals that the rail line is completed from Nen-cheng (49-11N 125-13E) to 49-17N 125-13E and under construction from 49-17N 125-13E northwest to 49-24N 125-09E. Photography of [REDACTED] reveals that the rail line is completed from Nen-cheng to

49-27N 125-02E and under construction from 49-27N 125-02E northwest to 49-46N 124-31E.

Area B located 120 miles northwest of Nen-cheng is a major area of railroad construction. Photography of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reveals that the rail line is completed from 50-38N 122-50E to 50-31N 123-55E and under construction from 50-31N 123-55E to 50-59N 124-13E. Photography of [REDACTED] reveals the rail line is completed from 50-38N 122-50E to 51-04N 124-10E and under construction to limits of photography at 51-35N 124-21E. Photography [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reveals that construction continues to 51-39N 123-23E. Four branch lines under construction extend from this line as follows:

1. west from 50-48N 124-17E to 50-48N 124-13E;
2. east from 50-45N 124-20E to 50-50N 124-38E;
3. northeast from 50-56N 124-18E to 51-02N 124-22E; and
4. west from 51-06N 124-10E to 51-05N 123-43E.

These branch lines will probably be associated with logging activity.

A branch line extending southeast from 50-24N 124-08E toward Nen-cheng to 50-05N 124-17E will connect with the line under construction north of Nen-cheng.

Area C located 80 miles southeast of Nen-cheng consists of reconstruction of an abandoned rail line. Photography [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reveals that the reconstruction is completed from Pei-an (48-13N 126-30E) to 48-34N 126-35E and continues from 48-34N 126-35E to 48-40N 126-40E. Photography of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reveals the reconstruction is

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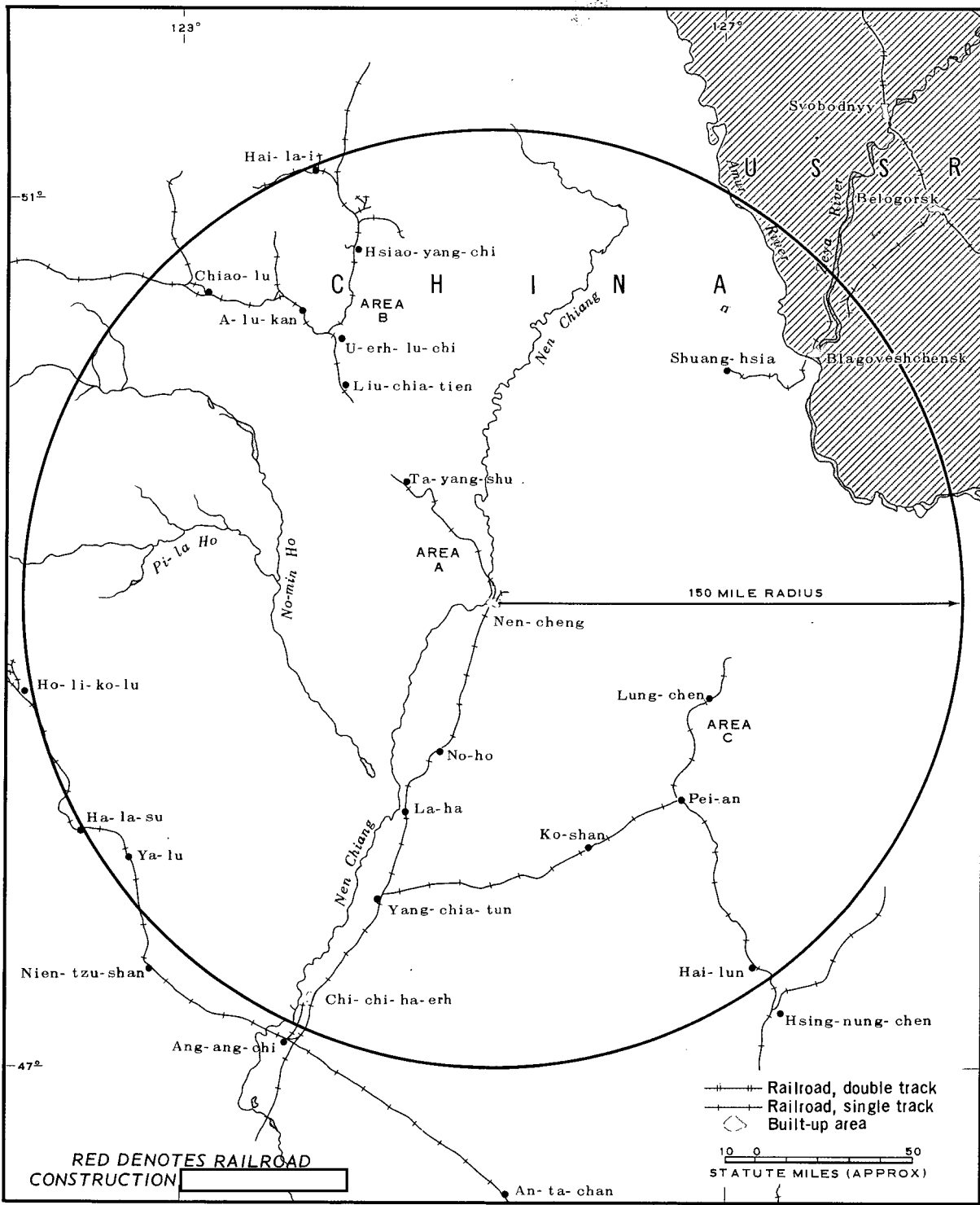


FIGURE 2. RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION, NEN-CHENG, CHINA.

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completed from 48-13N 126-30E to 48-40N 126-40E and continues from 48-40N 126-40E to 48-42N 126-48E.

### CONCLUSION

From the alignments as depicted in Figure 2, it appears that the rail construction in Area A will connect with the construction of Area B, which is probably primarily concerned with the exploitation of timber resources. When Area A and Area B are joined, the distance

for the shipment of lumber into the industrial areas of Manchuria will be reduced by approximately 195 miles.

Like Areas A and B, Area C is probably being reconstructed for transportation of raw material to the industrial areas of Manchuria.

Therefore, the rail construction in the Nen-cheng area appears to be in support of local raw material production and an improvement of the internal transportation network.

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